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Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil.....5.00pm
Sunday.....8.00am, 9.30am &
.....6.00pm

Weekday Mass Times:
(See bulletin for changes)

Reconciliation:
Saturday.....4.00pm - 4.30pm

Baptisms: By Appointment
1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 11.00am

Marriages: By Appointment

Prayer Group:
Thursdays..... 7.30pm - 8.15pm

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ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 6TH & 7TH DECEMBER 2014

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We walk on a land once occupied by the Darug Clan, the Cabrogal,
a sub group of the Gandangara tribe who lived in this area for over 30,000 years.
May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

John the Baptist was a prophet.
We require prophets to live what they preach.
When there is a wide gap between the message the prophet is preaching and the kind of life he is living,
A shadow is cast over the authenticity of the message.
John the Baptist was a living example of what he preached.
Lord we have the joy of belonging to your kingdom.
Grant that we may live in such a way that the blessing of the kingdom will be evident in our lives.



*May your path be illuminated by the light of a steadfast faith.
May the Lord's mercy overshadow you and his love surround you.
May you live in such a way that your life will be an example for others.*

Weekday Mass Times

- Monday** - No Mass
Tuesday - 9.00am Mass
- 6.00pm Graduation Mass for SFX Year 6 students at SFX Church
Wednesday - 9.00am Mass
Thursday - 9.00am End of Year whole school Mass at STCOS Prestons.
Friday - 9.00am Mass
- 6.00pm Graduation Mass for STCOS Year 6 students at STCOS Prestons

Christmas Mass Timetable

Christmas Vigil
Tuesday 24th December at 7.00pm

Christmas Day
Wednesday 25th December
Midnight Mass 12.00am
Morning Mass 8.00am, 9.30am
No Evening Mass

New Years Day Mass
9.00am Only





UPDATE

Carols by Candlelight

19 December 2014

Alcohol Free Zone



Carols will be held on the top carpark of the Parish.

No car access into the Church grounds will be allowed for the safety of Children. Pedestrian gates will be open on the lower and upper gates. Elderly and disabled access please use the upper gates as there will be ushers to escort you to your seats.

Gates will open at 6.00pm for you and your family members to find a seat and enjoy the pre Carols Sausage sizzle, pop corn, ice creams, slushies and fairy floss which can be purchased.

Candles can be purchased on the night also.

Carols will begin at 7.00pm

Seating will be available but please bring along a blanket and pillows for seating in front of stage.

NOTE TO PARENTS:

A strict supervision is required on your children this night. Please keep them close at hand. Thank you.

Prayer and Collection for the Middle East.

A Day of prayer for the Persecuted Christians of the Middle East to be held on Sunday **7th December 2014.**

A special "Leaving Collection" will be taken up also so that financial assistance can be provided to the Catholic Communities in the Middle East after each Mass this weekend.

Prayer for Peace.

Almighty God and Creator, You are the Father of all people on the earth. I beseech You to guide all the nations and their leaders in the ways of justice and peace. Protect us from the evils of injustice, prejudice, exploitation, conflict and war. Help us to put away mistrust, bitterness and hatred. Teach us to cease the storing and using of implements of war.

Lead us to find peace, respect and freedom.

Unite us in the making and sharing of tools of peace against ignorance, poverty, disease and oppression. Grant that we may grow in harmony and friendship as brothers and sisters created in Your image, to Your honour and praise. Amen.

Social Justice - Twilight Reflection Evening

Date: Wednesday 10 December

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm (Light Super afterwards)

Where: Caroline Chisholm Centre,

Bldg 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills
(Vehicle entry off City View Road) RSVP 8th Dec.

Christmas Vigil Mass

Children's Mass

24 December at 7.00pm

We have had an amazing response of children volunteering to be a part of the Christmas Vigil Children's Mass.

A wonderful story of the Birth of Christ has been organised by the Children's Liturgy teachers.

**Practice will take place over 2 weekends,
14th December and
21st December**

straight after the 9.30am Sunday Mass.

Children are to attend both practices.

Please place these dates in your diary.

Thank you for all your support.

Weekly Planned Giving

Parishioners that have requested to be a part of the Weekly planned giving, please collect your envelopes from the foyer of the Church.

If you would like to joined the planned giving please complete a Parish census form and return to Fr Thu or the Parish Office.

***St Vincent De Paul Society
Christmas Appeal***

The St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal will take place throughout December. All money raised will assist in providing some Christmas cheer to those less fortunate than ourselves.

You are invited to take an envelope from the Christmas Tree and return it with a donation enclosed to a collection plate during the month. Thank you and God bless you for your assistance.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday 12 December. St Therese Parish Church
125 Cartwright Ave, Miller.

6.30pm Holy Rosary and prayers to Our Lady of Guadalupe - 7.00pm Holy Mass

Followed by a video & fellowship

Please bring a plate to share.

***Liverpool Catholic Club
Carols by Candlelight***

Sunday 7th December program starts at 6.45pm

Carols start at 7.30pm

Live Nativity and nursery animals for the kids.

Fireworks to conclude the evening. All Welcome.

Note:

No Children's Liturgy in January 2015



We remember our deceased relatives and friends...

Recently Deceased

Lorance Azzi
Joanna Musumeci
Joseph Duong Nguyen

Anniversaries

Eileen Michael

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis,	Joyce Mifsud,
Margaret McKenna,	Martin Bautista,
Marcel Bains,	Mario Sanchez,
Noah Rewa,	Pat Lord,
Jami Isaac	Patricia Kearns,
John Bell,	Rafael Luis Bailon,
Joe Moore,	Shirley Harmer
Lucienne Baeta,	Sr. Regina McInerney R.S.M
Riley Maloney,	Carlos Mendoza
Josephine Caligiuri,	Fred Azzopardi,
Alida Salloum,	Philomena Filippi
Marion Aquilina	Yvonne Howes
Paese Tuiletufuga	Bill Howlett

REDEEM: Advent & Christmas Reflections 2014

Available for purchase \$4.00 each in the Piety Stall.

Rosters over the Holidays

If you will be away over the Christmas Holidays and you are rostered on please contact the parish office

Please note: Names will be removed from the sick list after 2 months, unless parish office is notified. Thankyou

Second Sunday of Advent - Year B - 6th & 7th December 2014

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Tony Crescini Solange Fegatilli	Vince Carrabs Rosa Andrade	Eugene Alphonso Aaron Alphonso	Colette Davies Emma Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Barry Bolton Olga Sipek	Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Eugene Alphonso Yvonne Alphonso Volunteer Minister	Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister
Altar Servers	Lucas Tran Aiden Andrade Christina Acitelli	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Heather Scott Fridurik Nickel Alofaina Nickel Karl Nickel	Jordan Varghese
Acolytes	Martin Manche	John Nickel	Joe Mancini	Graeme Freeburn
Altar Society	Therese Puskas & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Doreen & Catherine Coleman			
Children's Liturgy	Renee Lauric & Karen Marcellienus			

Third Sunday of Advent - Year B - 13th & 14th December 2014

	SATURDAY 5pm	8.00am	SUNDAY 9.30am	6.00pm
Reader Psalm/Intercession	Ben Nguyen Adrian Nguyen Victoria Nguyen	Shirley Heffernan Vince Carrabs	Manulele Minute Charlotte Hon	Collette Davies Kristina Williams
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco Garry Lejarde Donald Lobo Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Jacqueline Scully Charlie Casha Jacinta Lemalu Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister	Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mark Flanagan Mary Grace Isidoro
Altar Servers	Jonathon Giso Julian Giso	Vanessa Ayoub Tatiana Ayoub Anthony Bui	Joshua Bui Stephanie Anderson Edmund Alphonso	Liam Flanagan
Acolytes	Phil Coleman	Tony Keir	Martin Ryan	Annette Flanagan
Altar Society	Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha			
Counters	Stephen & Therese Puskas & Cathy Crick			
Children's Liturgy	Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir			

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year B

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 40:1-5. 9-11

‘Console my people, console them’
says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her

that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,

that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,

‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: Lord, let us see your kindness, and
grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Peter 2 Pt 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, ‘a day’ can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all
people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the
Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:
Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the
Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the
Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism
of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and
all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as
they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they
confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin,
and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of
his preaching he said, ‘Someone is following me,
someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit
to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have
baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the
Holy Spirit.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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